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SUBJECT: CALL ON ASSISTANT SECY, SHLAUDEMAN BY AMB.

PINHEIRO

1. IN INITIAL COURTESY CALL JULY 16 ON ASST. SECY.  
SHLAUDEMAN, AMB. PINHEIRO FOCUSED ATTENTION ON TWO SUBJECTS:  
HUMAN RIGHTS AND US TRADE POLICY.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS. PINHEIRO SAID THAT HE CONSIDERED THIS  
TO BE THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF HIS MISSION. AS  
ILLUSTRATION HE NOTED THAT WHEN ISRAEL GOES INTO UGANDA  
AS RESCUE MISSION WE APPLAUD BUT WHEN BRAZIL AND OTHERS  
TRY TO COMBAT TERRORISM AND SUBVERSION THEN THERE ARE  
ACCUSATIONS OF VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THE IDEALISM OF  
THE US IS SHARED BY THE PEOPLE OF BRAZIL BUT IT IS MANI-  
PULATED BY PEOPLE WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF ORGANIZED CAMPAIGNS.

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IF BRAZIL HAD NOT TAKEN STRONG MEASURES, THE PROBLEMS

WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT NOW THAN IN ARGENTINA. PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMATS UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM BUT MANY OF THE POLITICIANS DO NOT. THIS IS NOW LEADING TO CONGRESSIONAL RESTRICTIONS THAT WILL LEAD TO DIFFICULTIES IN OUR RELATIONS. WHAT DOES CONGRESS WANT, HE ASKED? THERE IS NO NATIONAL POLICY OF TORTURE IN BRAZIL; THIS DOES NOT EXCLUDE LOW LEVEL EXCESSES BUT THE PERPETRATORS ARE PUNISHED.

3. TRADE POLICY. PINHEIRO STATED THAT THE US TRADE ACT IS CHANGING THIS COUNTRY INTO ONE OF THE MOST CLOSED SOCIETIES IN THE WORLD. HE CITED TEXTILES AND PARTICULARLY SPECIALTY STEELS. HE AGREED THESE WERE NOT VITAL TO BRAZIL BUT THE AMPLIFICATION OF THIS POLICY COULD DISRUPT WORLD TRADE. ACTIONS SUCH AS THOSE ON SPECIALTY STEELS ARE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND IN THE LIGHT OF US ECONOMIC RECOVERY. PINHEIRO SAID THAT THE GOB RECOGNIZES THAT THE US IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO DIMINISH THE EFFECTS ON BRAZIL, ESPECIALLY FOLLOWING SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT, BUT BRAZIL IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE OVERALL IMPLICATIONS.

4. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN COMMENTED THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR FREE TRADE IS CONSTANT. HE NOTED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD TAKEN COURAGEOUS DECISIONS IN THIS REGARD AND THAT BRAZILIAN INTERESTS HAVE RECEIVED FAVORABLE TREATMENT. HE URGED THAT WE BE ALERT TO THESE ISSUES SO THAT THEY CAN BE DISCUSSED IN THEIR EARLY STAGES.

5. PINHEIRO SAID THAT THE LATEST EXAMPLE OF A RESTRICTIVE MENTALITY IS A LETTER IN EARLY JUNE FROM SEN. LONG TO THE PRESIDENT REQUESTING RADICALLY INCREASED TARIFFS ON IMPORTED SUGAR. THE US SUGAR MARKET IS MARGINAL TO BRAZIL BUT THERE WILL BE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR OTHERS IF LONG'S REQUEST IS GRANTED. (WE ARE CHECKING INTO THIS.)

6. IN CONCLUSION AMB. PINHEIRO SAID HE DID NOT WISH TO BE MISUNDERSTOOD. HE RECOGNIZES THAT U.S.-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS ARE NOW ENJOYING A BETTER CLIMATE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING THAN IN MANY YEARS. KISSINGER  
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